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NOW!

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A NEW THOR HAS RISEN.

AFTER THOR ODINSON FOUND HIMSELF NO LONGER WORTHY OF WIELDING MJOLNIR, A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN WAS ABLE TO LIFT THE ENCHANTED HAMMER AND BECAME THE NEW GODDESS OF THUNDER.

AND JUST IN TIME, TOO. BECAUSE THE EVIL ELF SORCERER MALEKITH HAS TEAMED UP WITH THE FROST GIANTS OF JOTUNHEIM TO LAUNCH AN ASSAULT ON THE ROXXON ENERGY CORPORATION IN SEARCH OF AN ANCIENT ARTIFACT, TAKING DOWN THE ARMIES OF ASGARD AND EVEN THE AVENGERS IN THE PROCESS.

DARIO AGGER, THE CEO OF ROXXON, HAS FLED INTO THE IMPENETRABLE VAULT WHERE THE ARTIFACT IS KEPT, MANAGING TO TRAP MJOLNIR IN THE VAULT WITH HIM.

NOW THE NEW THOR MUST PROVE HERSELF THE GODDESS OF THUNDER TO STOP MALEKITH AND SAVE ALL OF MIDGARD. IF ONLY SHE COULD GET THAT HAMMER BACK...



# WHEN THE ICE LORDS MAKE WAR

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"TODAY IS THE ONLY HOLIDAY WE CELEBRATE HERE IN JOTUNHEIM."

"TODAY WE MARK THE COMING OF THE MOTHER STORM."

DAYS AGO.  
THE CITADEL OF UTGARD.  
IN THE MOUNTAINS OF  
JOTUNHEIM, REALM OF  
GIANTS.

"IT ROARS DOWN OUT OF THE VOID, JUST AS IT HAS FOR UNTOLD EONS. A BLIZZARD THE SIZE OF A GALAXY, WITH WINDS THAT SNUFF OUT STARS LIKE FLICKERING CANDLES."

"AND ONCE THE MOTHER STORM IS AT ITS FIERCEST...ONCE THAT HOWLING, MURDEROUS HURRICANE OF ICE AND COLD HAS ENVELOPED THIS ENTIRE REALM IN ITS HOLY FURY..."

"INTO THAT FURY... WE HURL OUR CHILDREN."

THOSE WHO SURVIVE THE STORM TO FIND THEIR WAY HOME ARE GREETED AS WARRIOR AND AWARDED THEIR FIRST WARCICLE.

THOSE WHO DON'T...ARE NEVER SPOKEN OF AGAIN.

SUCH IS THE WAY IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN, EVER SINCE THE FIRST OF THE JOTNAR ROSE OUT OF THE RIME. SUCH IS THE WAY OF THE FROST GIANTS.

BUT THAT WAY, I NOW FEAR...

...IS DOOMED.

SKRYMIR.  
GUARDIAN OF  
UTGARD.

WE CELEBRATE THE MOTHER STORM BECAUSE IT BRINGS THE LIFE-GIVING ICE, WHILE SCOURING AWAY OUR WEAKNESS. BUT THE WINDS DO NOT BLOW AS THEY ONCE DID.

THE NIGHTS ARE NEVER AS COLD AS THEY WERE WHEN I WAS A BOY, LOST IN THAT STORM. NOWADAYS THE STRENGTH OF MY PEOPLE IS LIKE THIS ONCE-GREAT CITADEL-- MELTING AWAY A LITTLE MORE EVERY YEAR.

THE COLD, HARD TRUTH IS THAT THE FROST GIANTS HAVE NEVER BEEN THE SAME SINCE WE LOST OUR KING.

LAUFHEY TRULY WAS THE GREATEST OF ALL THE GIANTS. A THOUSAND CURSES UPON ODIN AND HIS ASGARDIANS FOR TAKING HIM FROM US.

BEFORE HE DIED, LAUFHEY DID BEQUEATH HIS SON LOKI UNTO THE WORLD.

SO IF YOU ASK ME...IT WAS YOUR DEAR DEPARTED KING WHO HAD THE LAST LAUGH.

LOKI IS THE GOD OF LIES. ONLY A FOOL TRUSTS HIM. BUT TELL ME, MALEKITH, WAS I A FOOL TO TRUST THE KING OF THE DARK ELVES?

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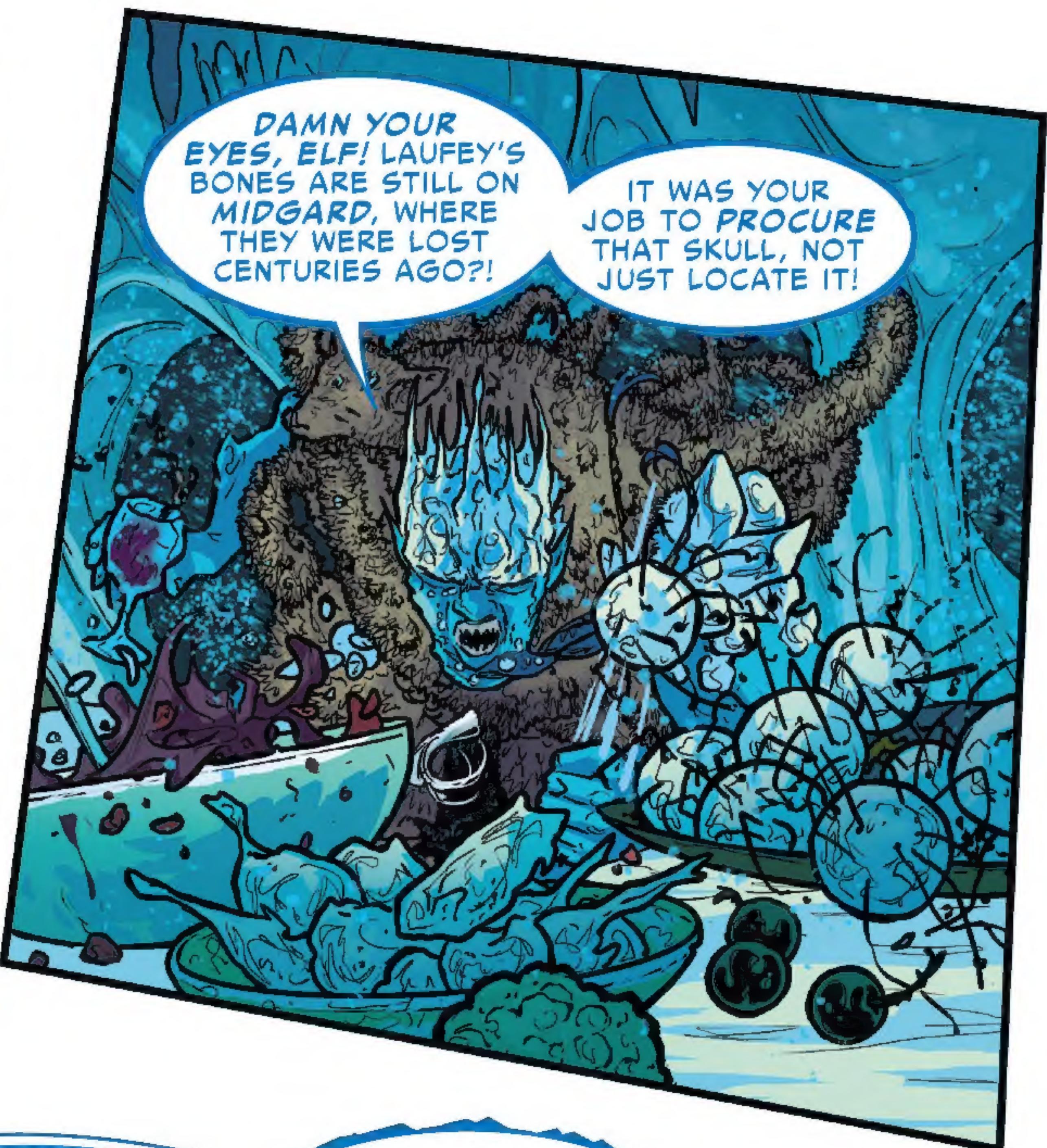
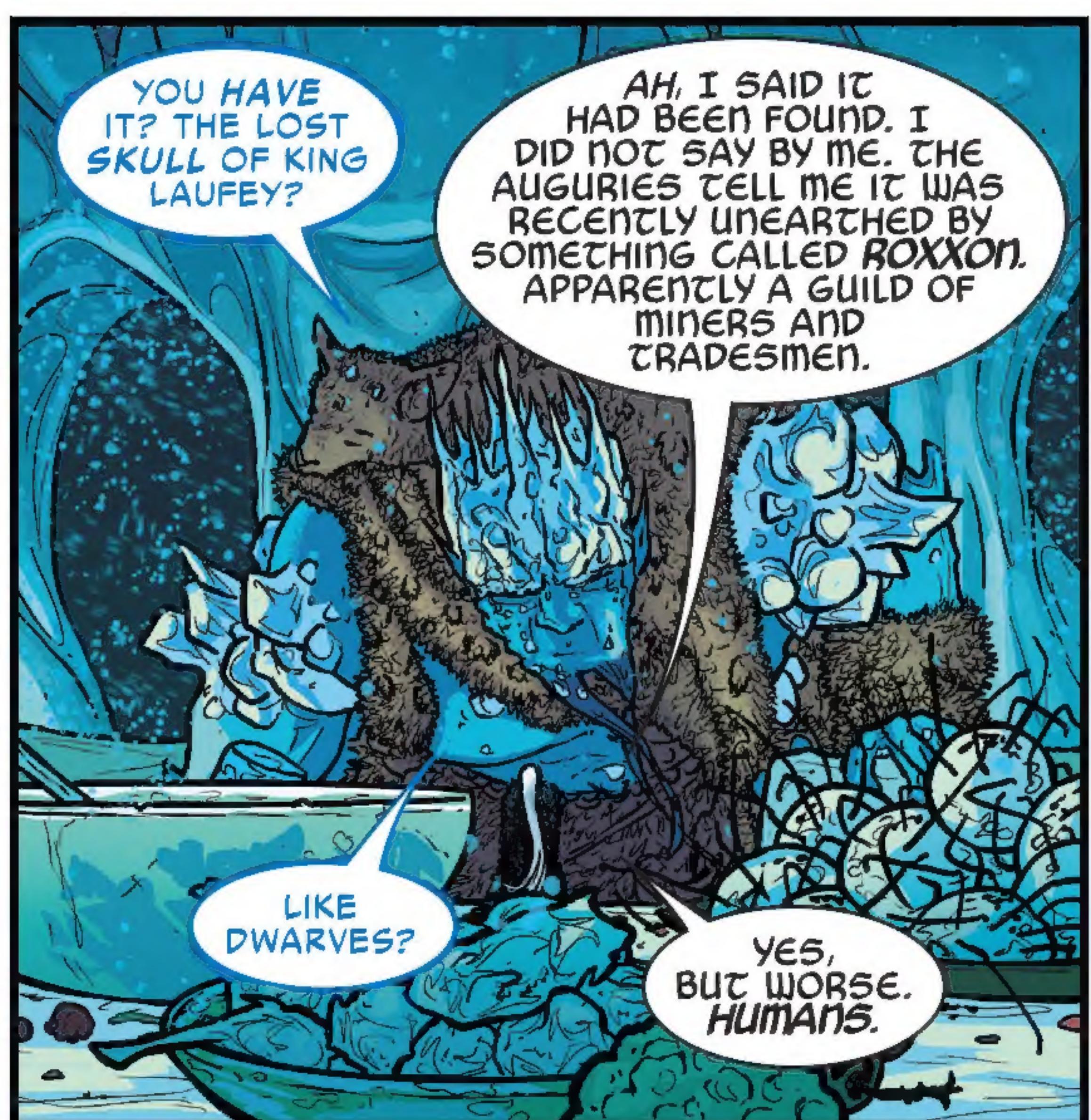
WHEN YOU BROKERED THE PACT BETWEEN OUR TWO REALMS, PROMISES WERE MADE. PROMISES THAT HAVE YET TO BE FULFILLED.

I GROW IMPATIENT, LITTLE ELF. AND THE MORE IMPATIENT I GROW, THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE TO BE JELLIED AND SMEARED ON A CRACKER FOR MY MIDNOON SNACK.

NOW, NOW, SKRYMIR. DON'T SAY SOMETHING YOU'LL REGRET, DEAR FRIEND.

DESPITE THE NO-DOUBT INTRIGUING TASTE OF YOUR MAMMOTH BLOOD WINE AND BLACK TAR ICE CREAM, I DID NOT COME HERE TODAY FOR THE BUFFET OR THE FORLORN TALES OF STORMS GONE BY.

I BRING GOOD NEWS, LORD OF THE JOTNAR. WHAT YOU SEEK HAS BEEN FOUND.





NOW.  
MIDGARD.

ROXXON ISLAND.  
THE FLOATING HEADQUARTERS  
OF THE ROXXON ENERGY  
CORPORATION.

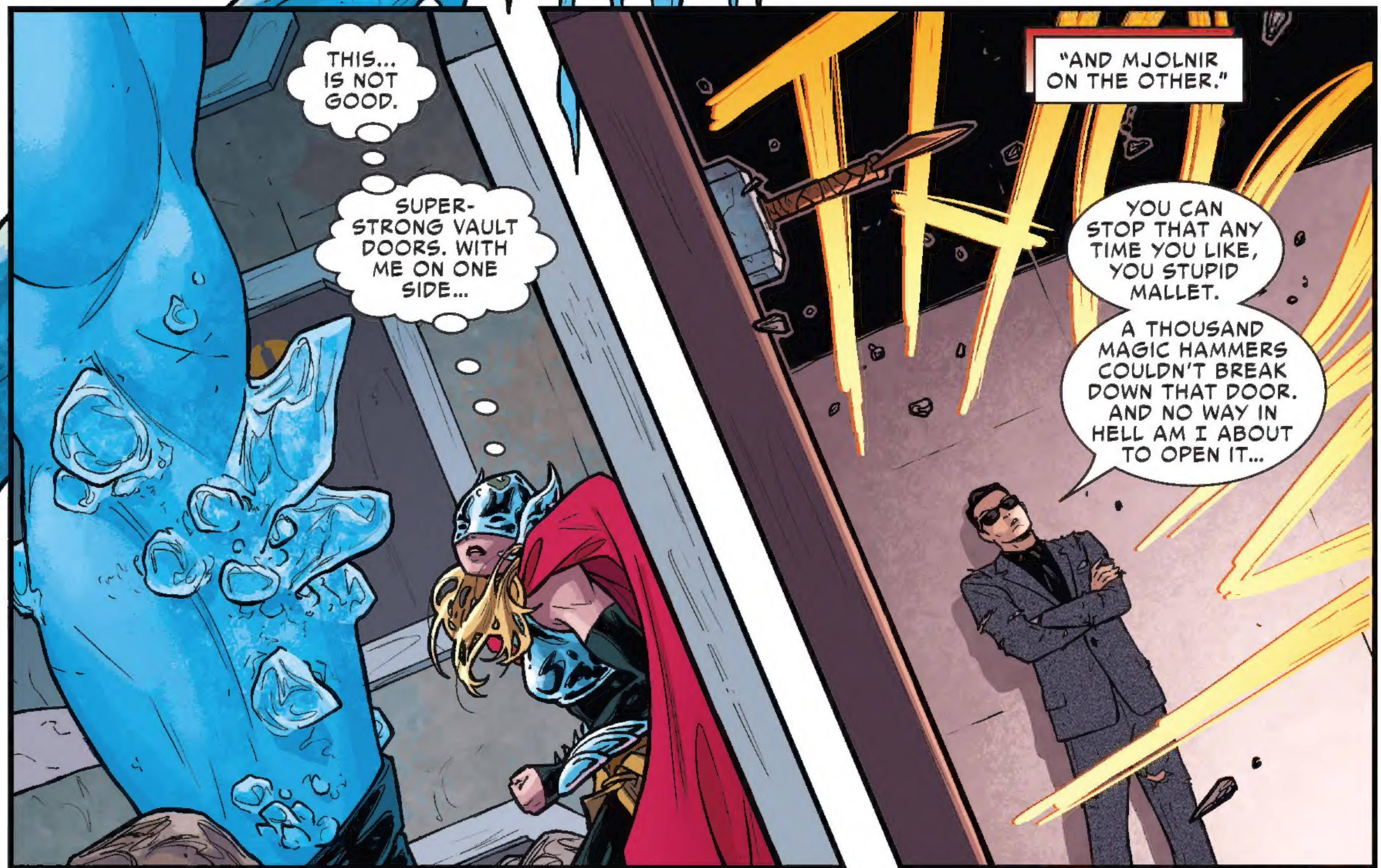
THIS...  
IS NOT  
GOOD.

SUPER-  
STRONG VAULT  
DOORS. WITH  
ME ON ONE  
SIDE...

"AND MJOLNIR  
ON THE OTHER."

YOU CAN  
STOP THAT ANY  
TIME YOU LIKE,  
YOU STUPID  
MALET.

A THOUSAND  
MAGIC HAMMERS  
COULDN'T BREAK  
DOWN THAT DOOR.  
AND NO WAY IN  
HELL AM I ABOUT  
TO OPEN IT...



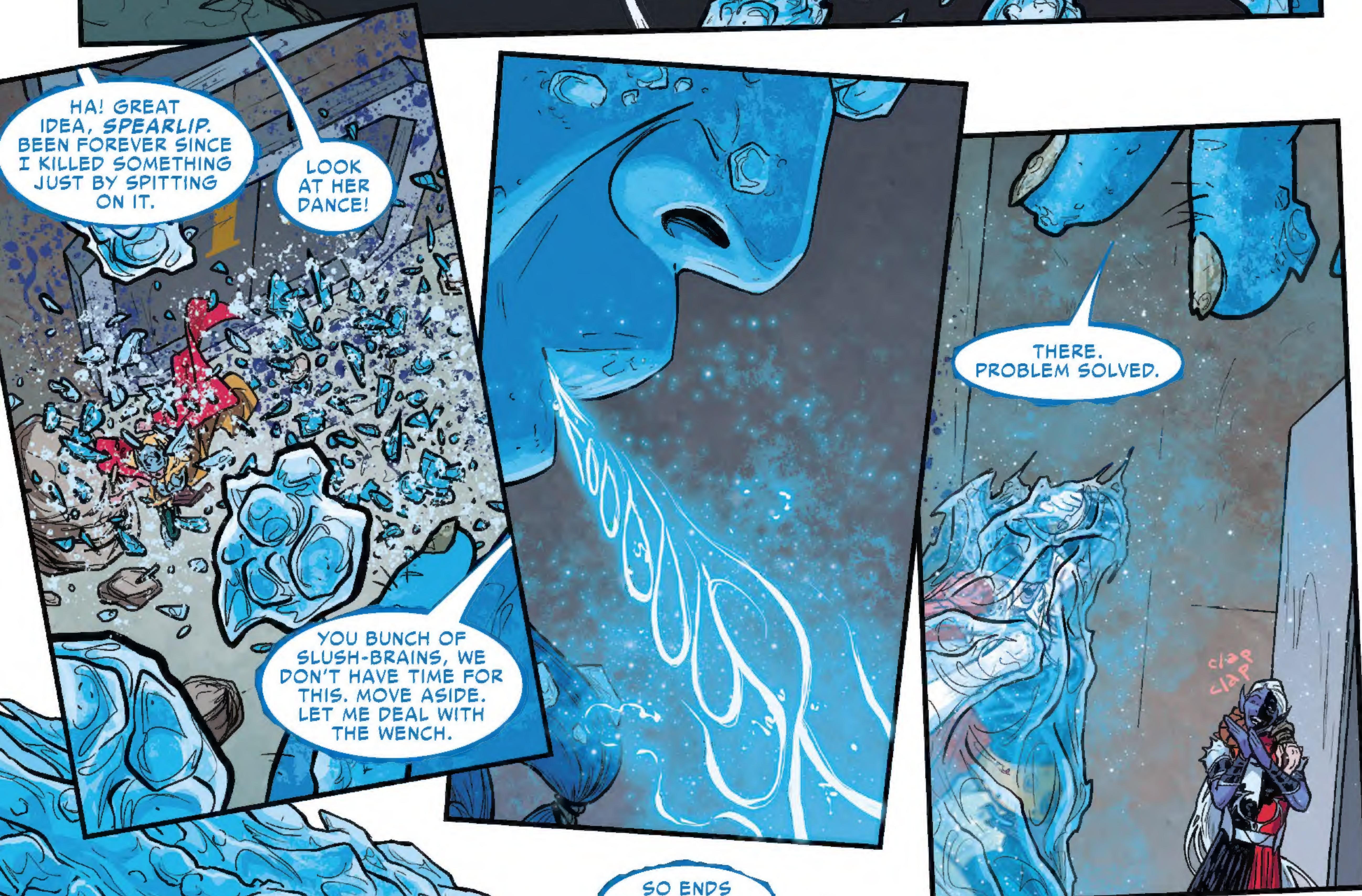
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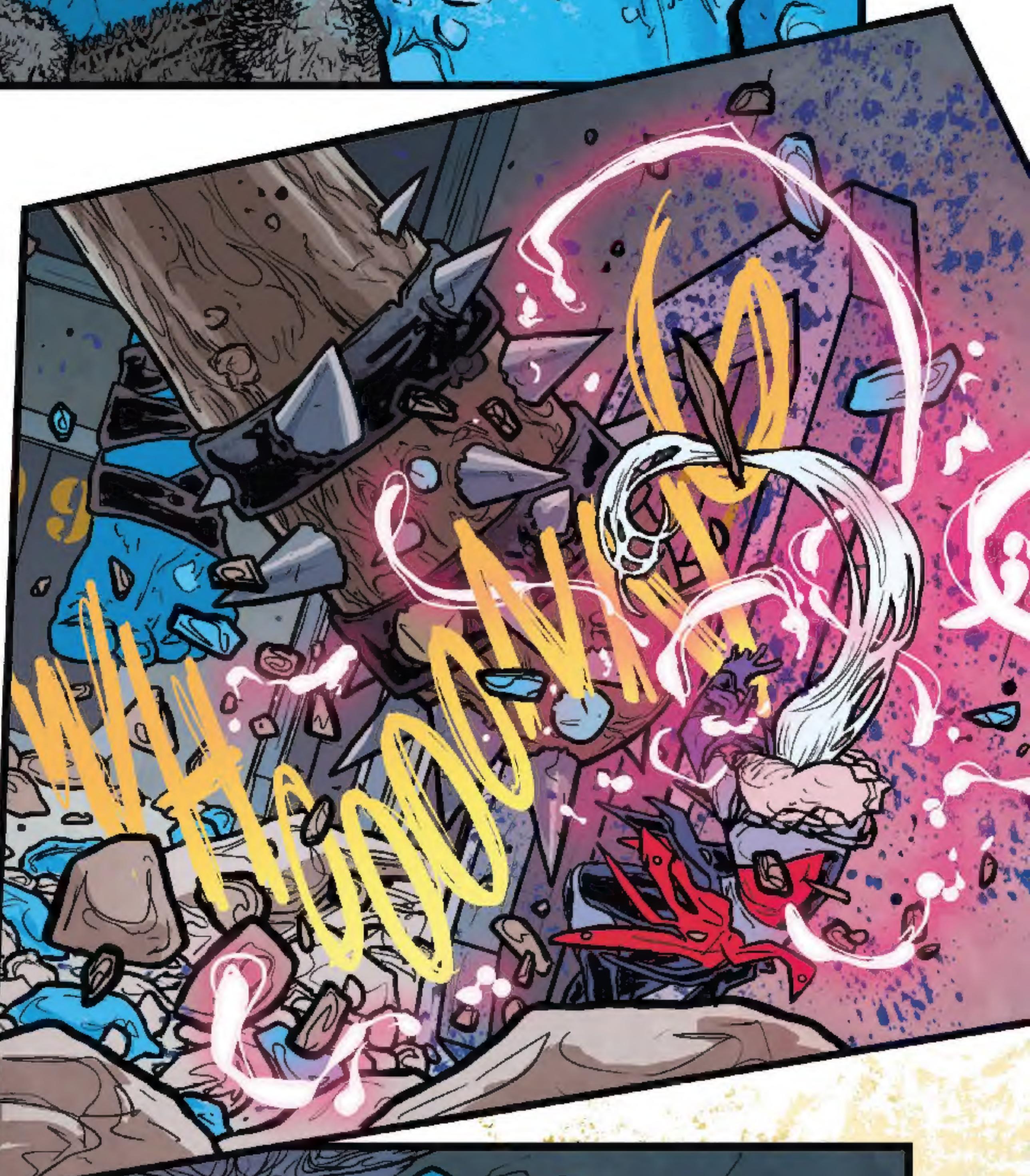
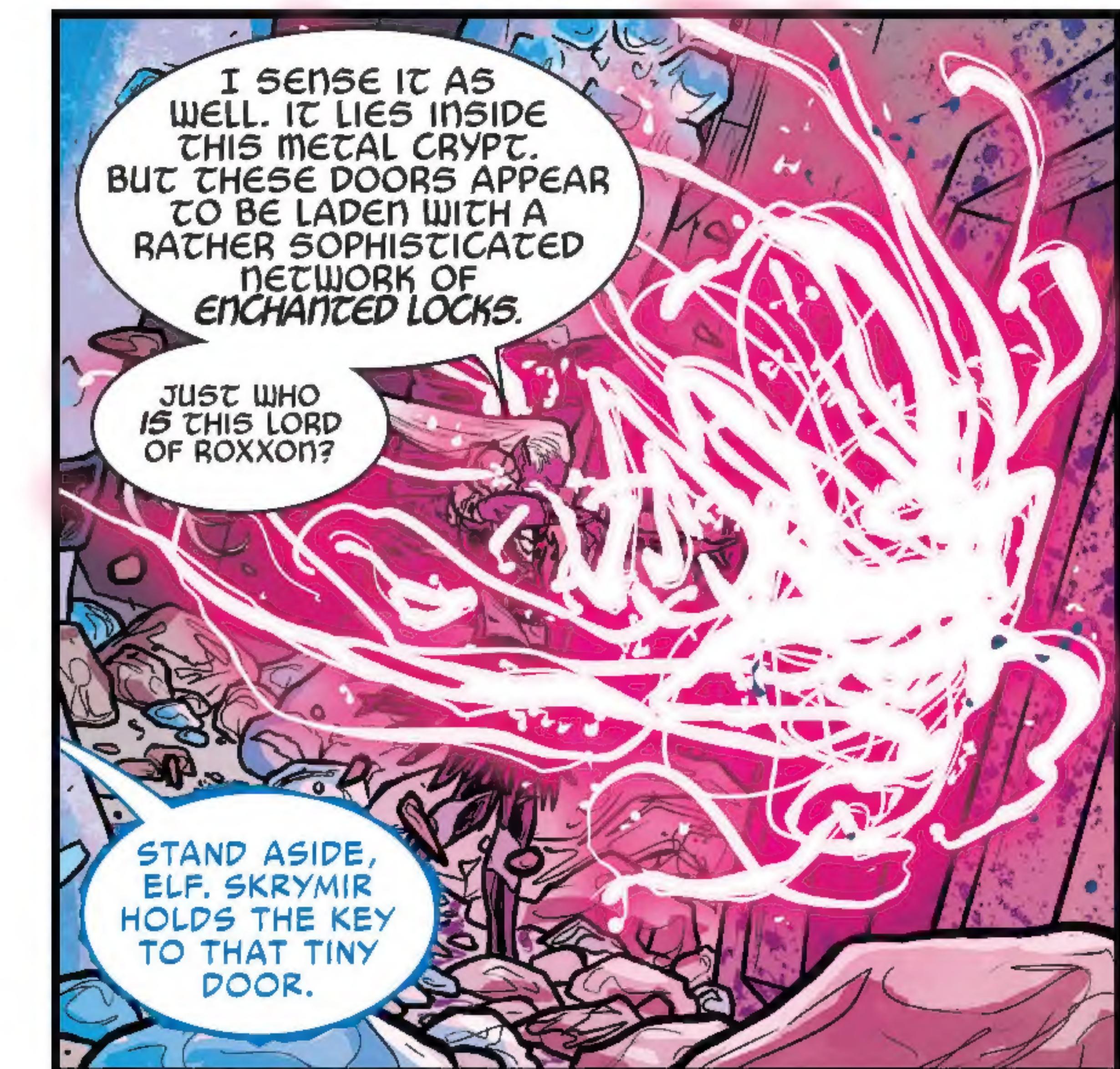
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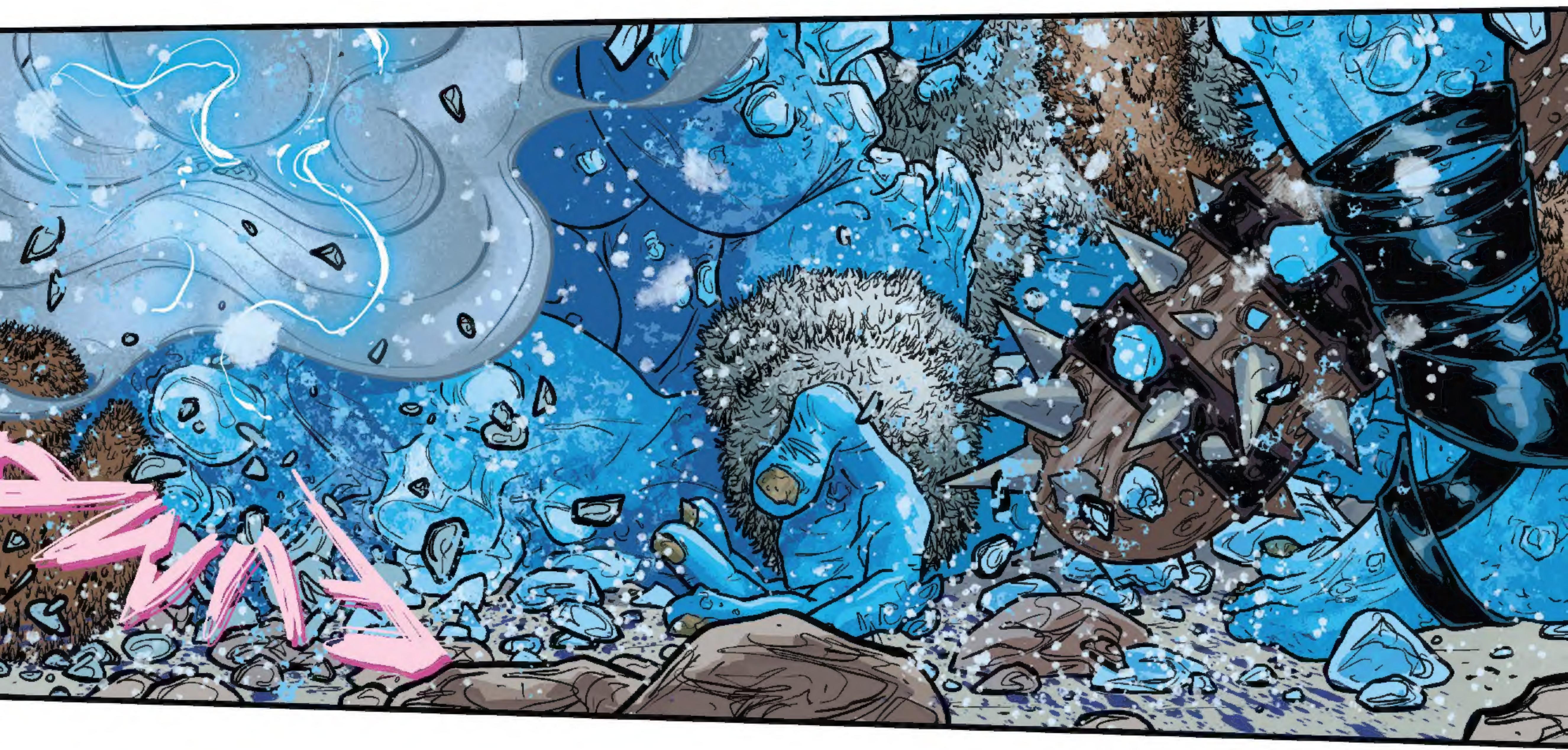
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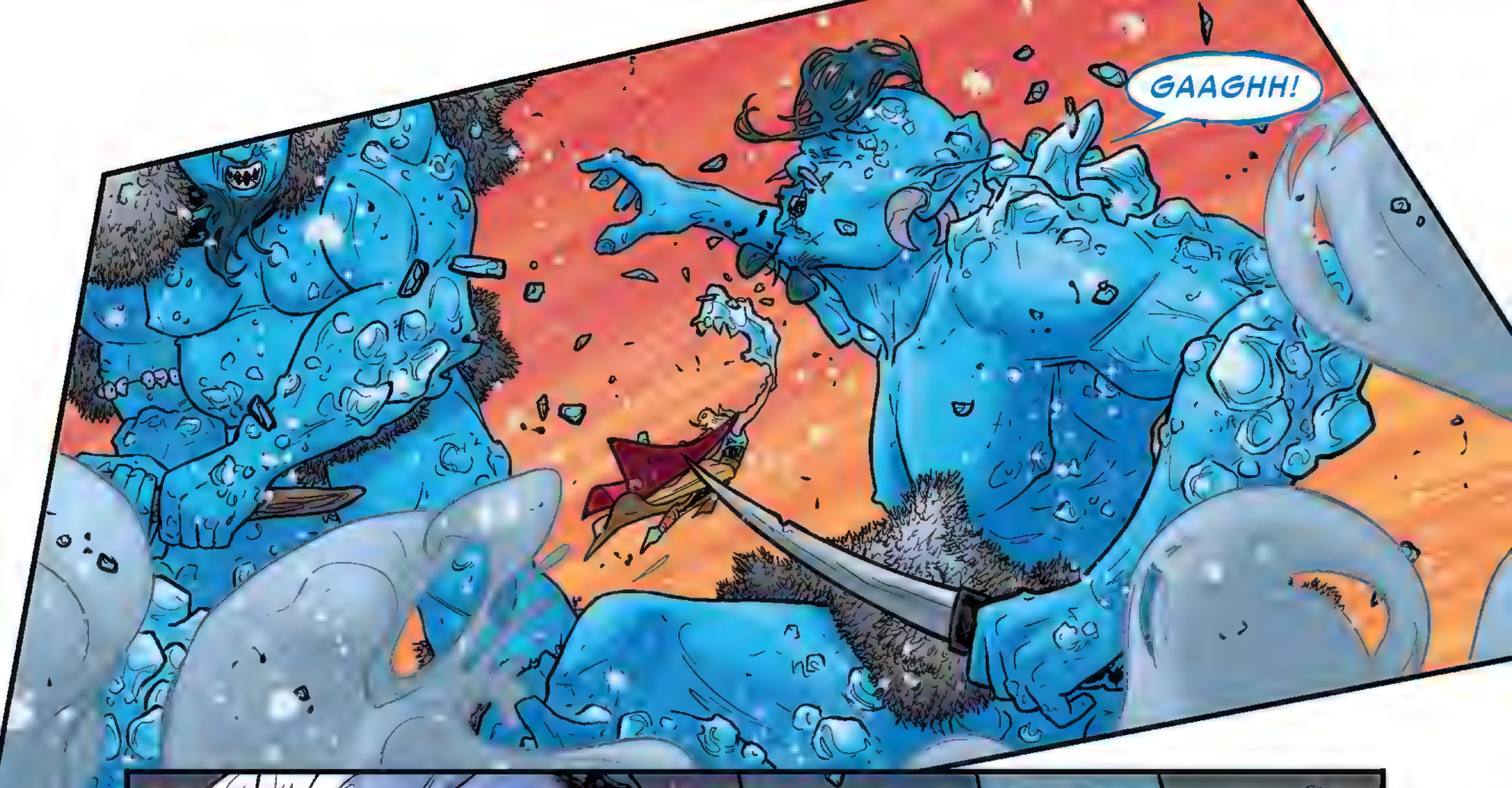


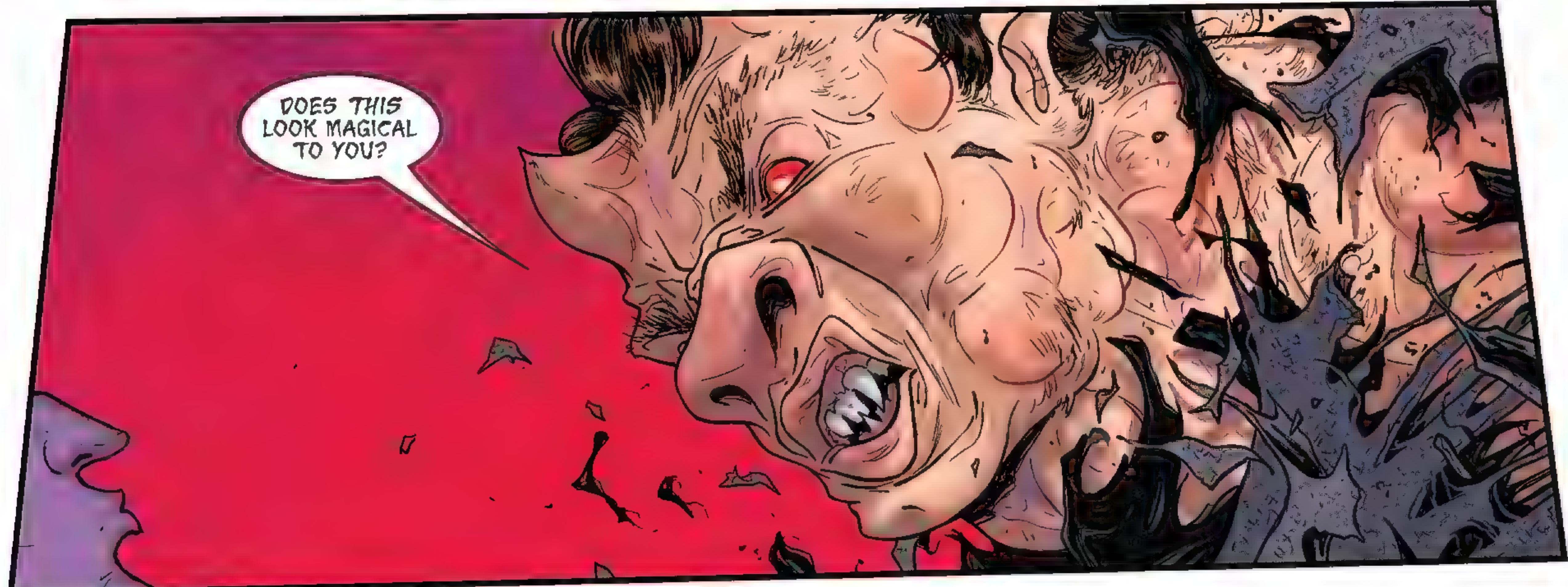
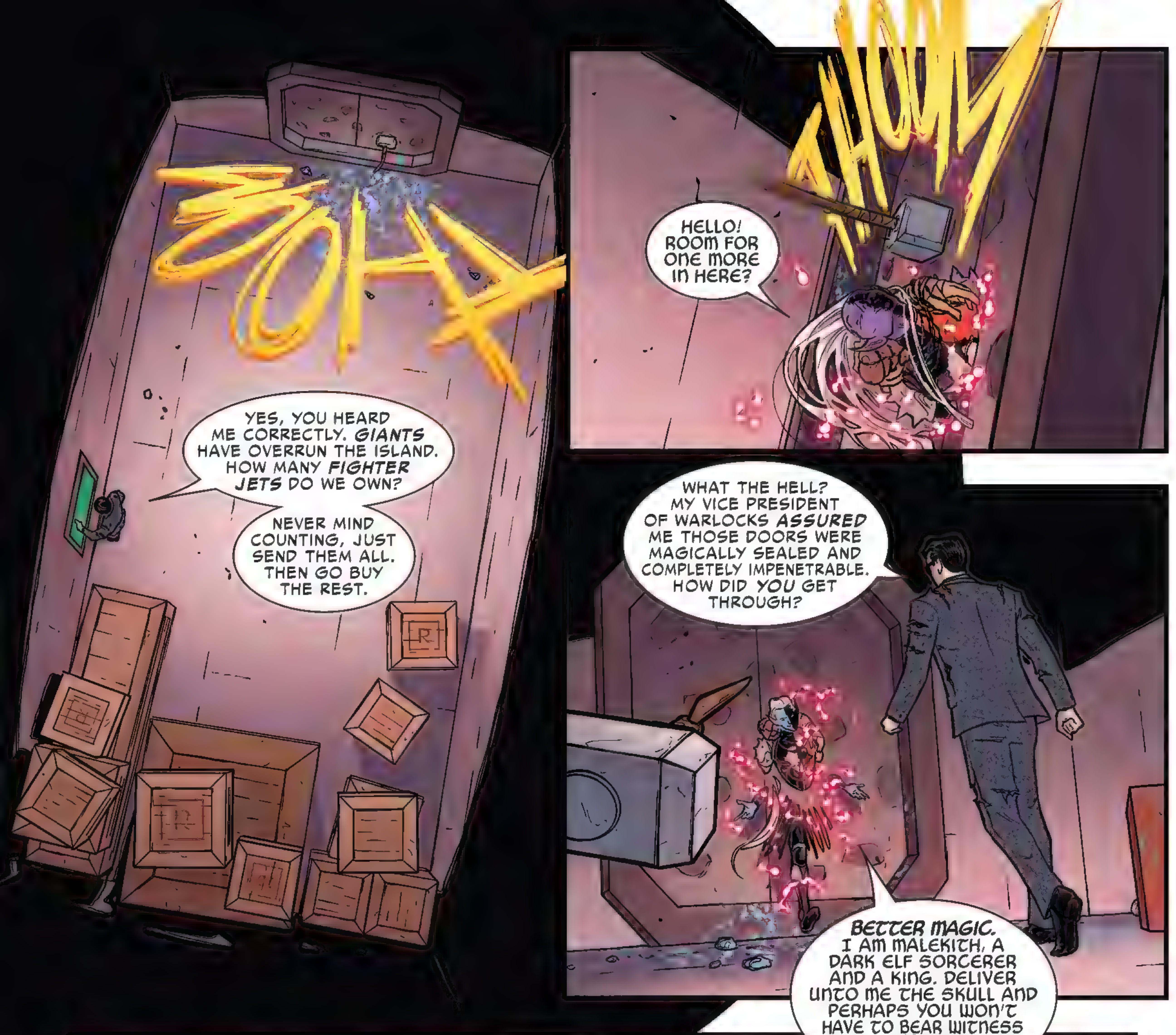
















BY THE WINDS OF THE MOTHER STORM... SHE FIGHTS LIKE A VALKYRIE, SENT STRAIGHT FROM HEL!

SHE'S A NORN WITCH. MUST BE.

WHO CARES WHAT SHE IS! JUST KILL HER!

NOT SURE HOW LONG I CAN KEEP THIS UP. NOT LONG ENOUGH TO BEAT THEM ALL, THAT'S FOR SURE.

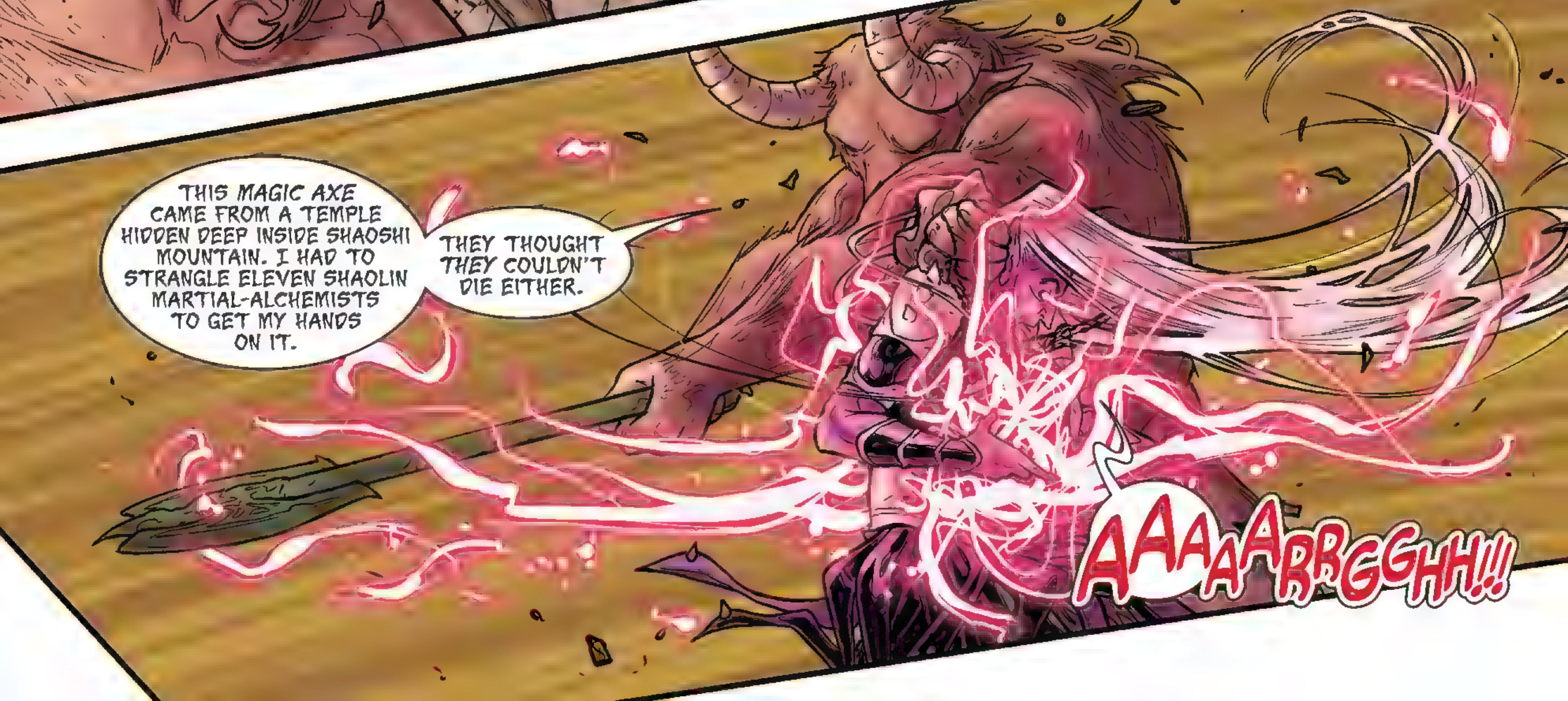
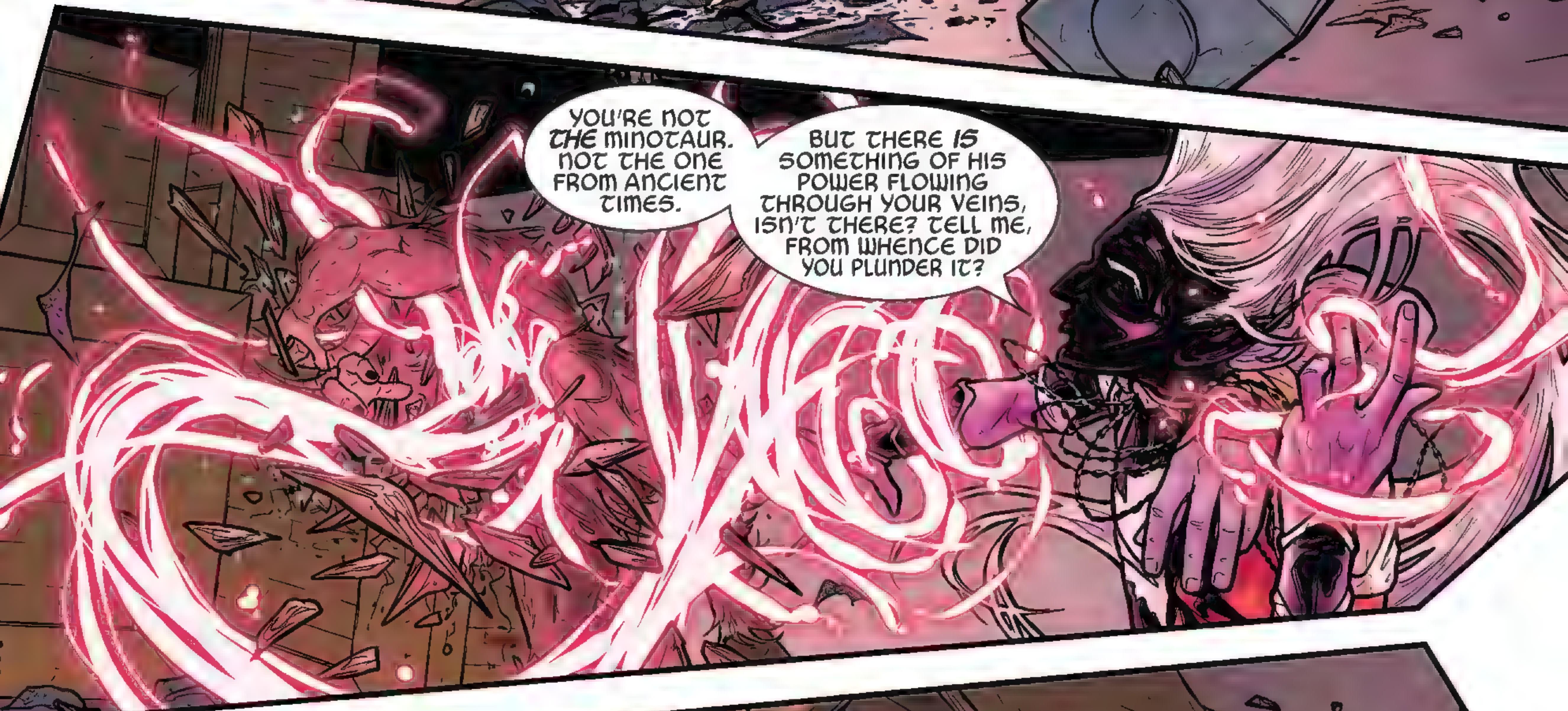
I CAN FEEL MYSELF LOSING POWER, THE LONGER I'M AWAY FROM THE HAMMER. WHAT WOULD THOR DO IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS...

THOR WOULD BELLOW AND BLUSTER AND RAGE UNTIL THEY CUT OFF HIS ARMS. AND THEN HE WOULD KICK THE HELL OUT OF THEM.

THE HAMMER CHOSE ME. THAT MEANS I'LL DO NOTHING LESS. NO MATTER THE COST.

IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT, GIANTS?

I CAN FEEL MY SENSES SLIPPING AWAY, QUICKLY. FIGHT HARDER BEFORE I FAINT FROM BOREDOM!



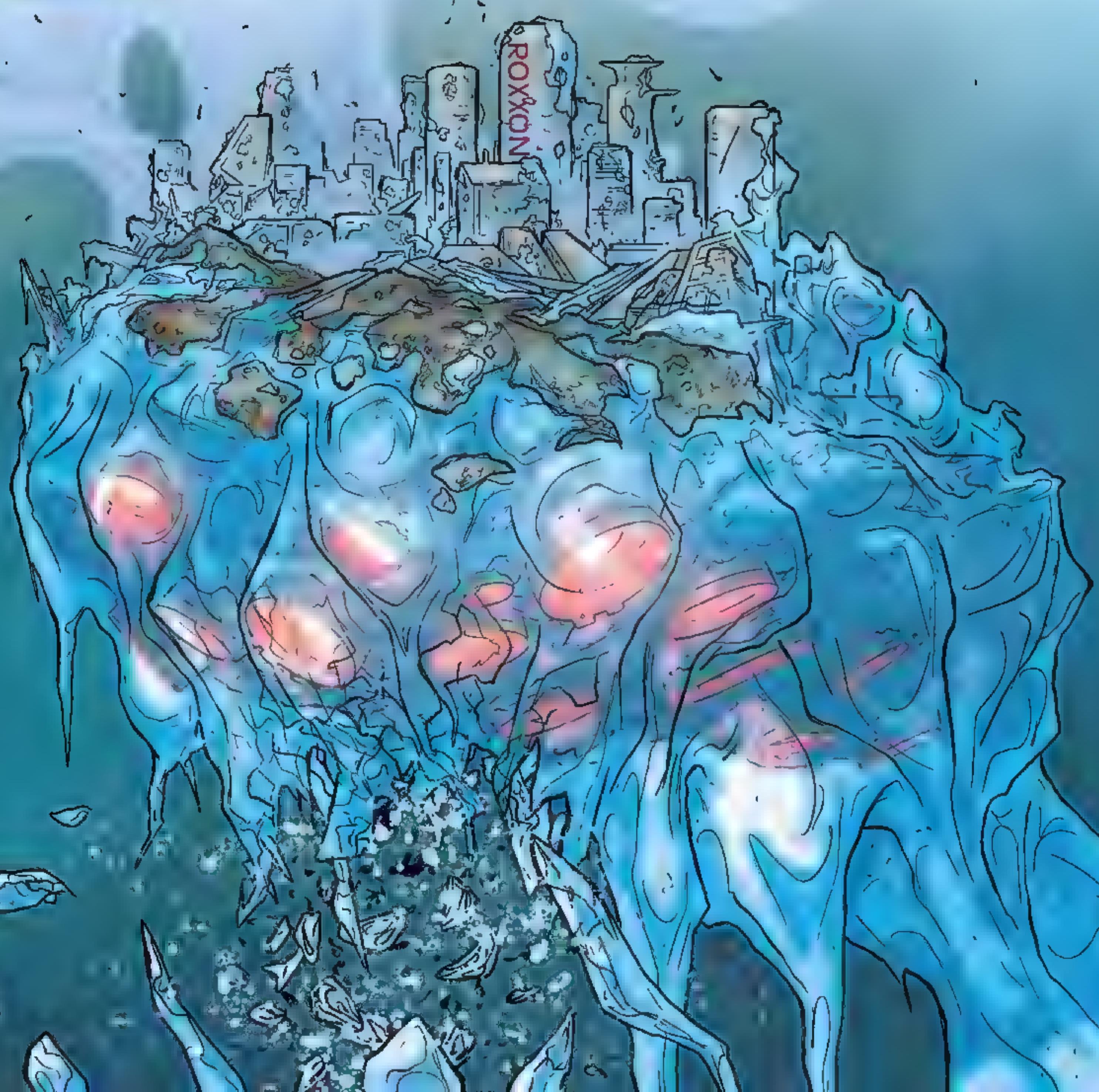
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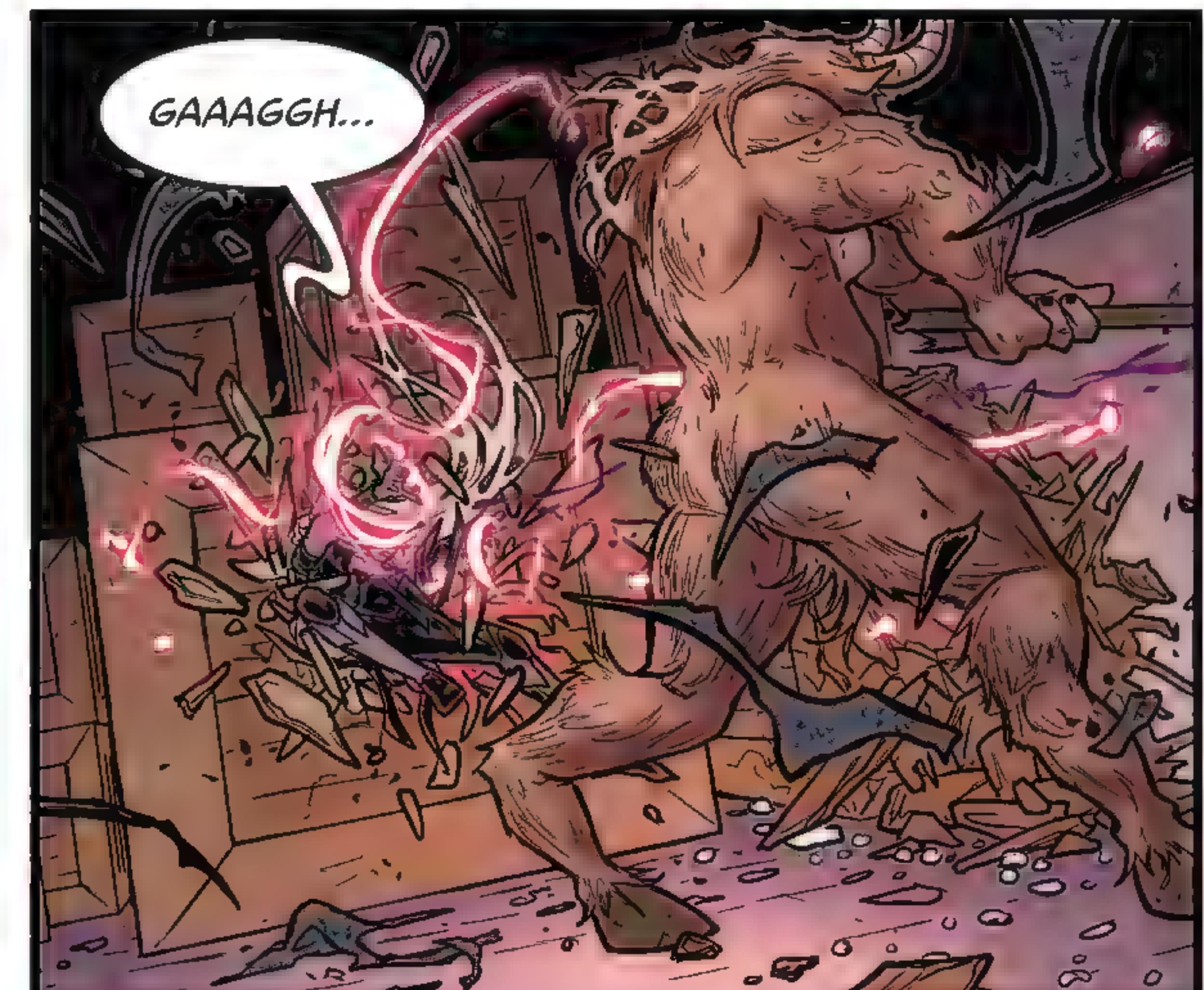
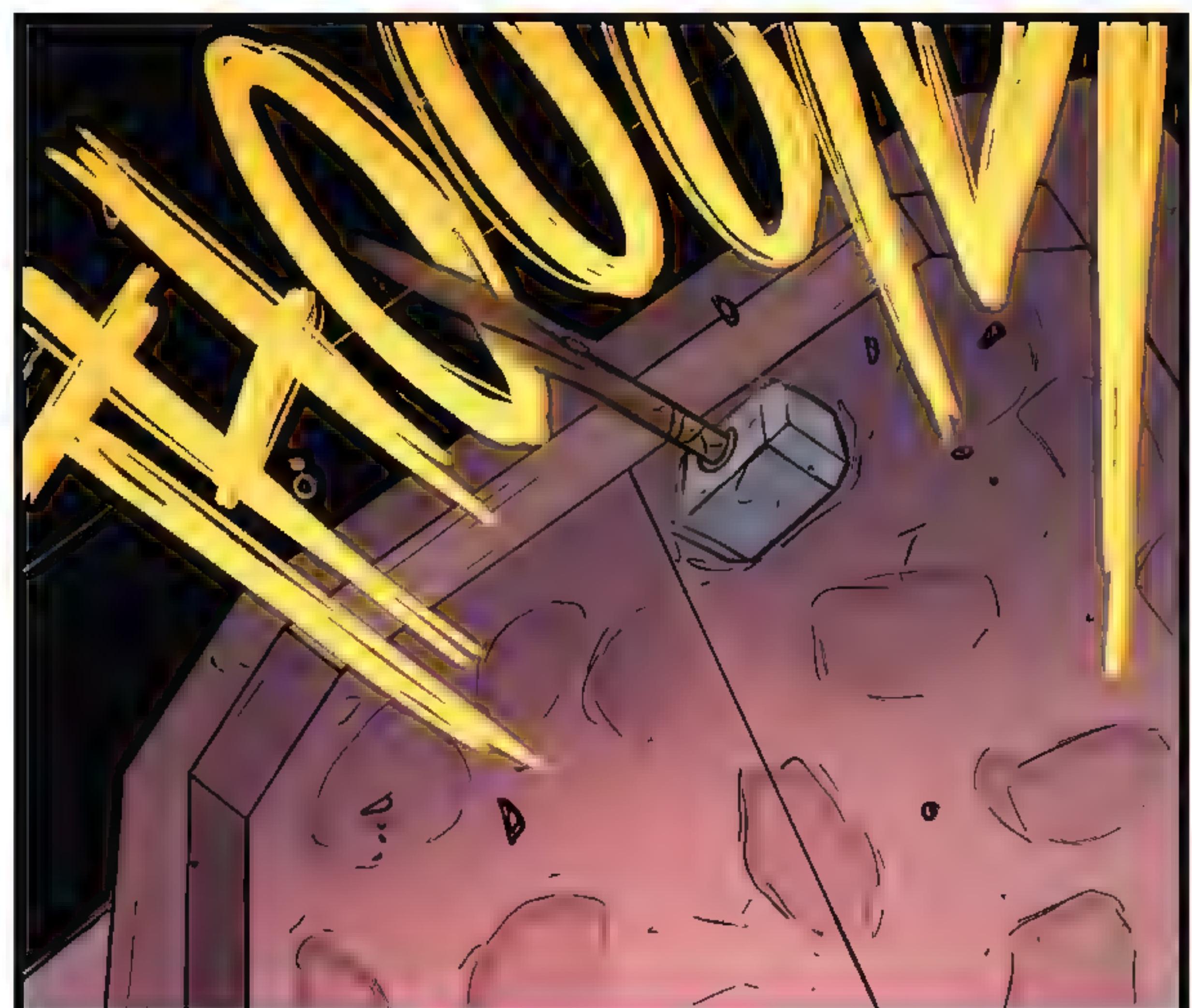
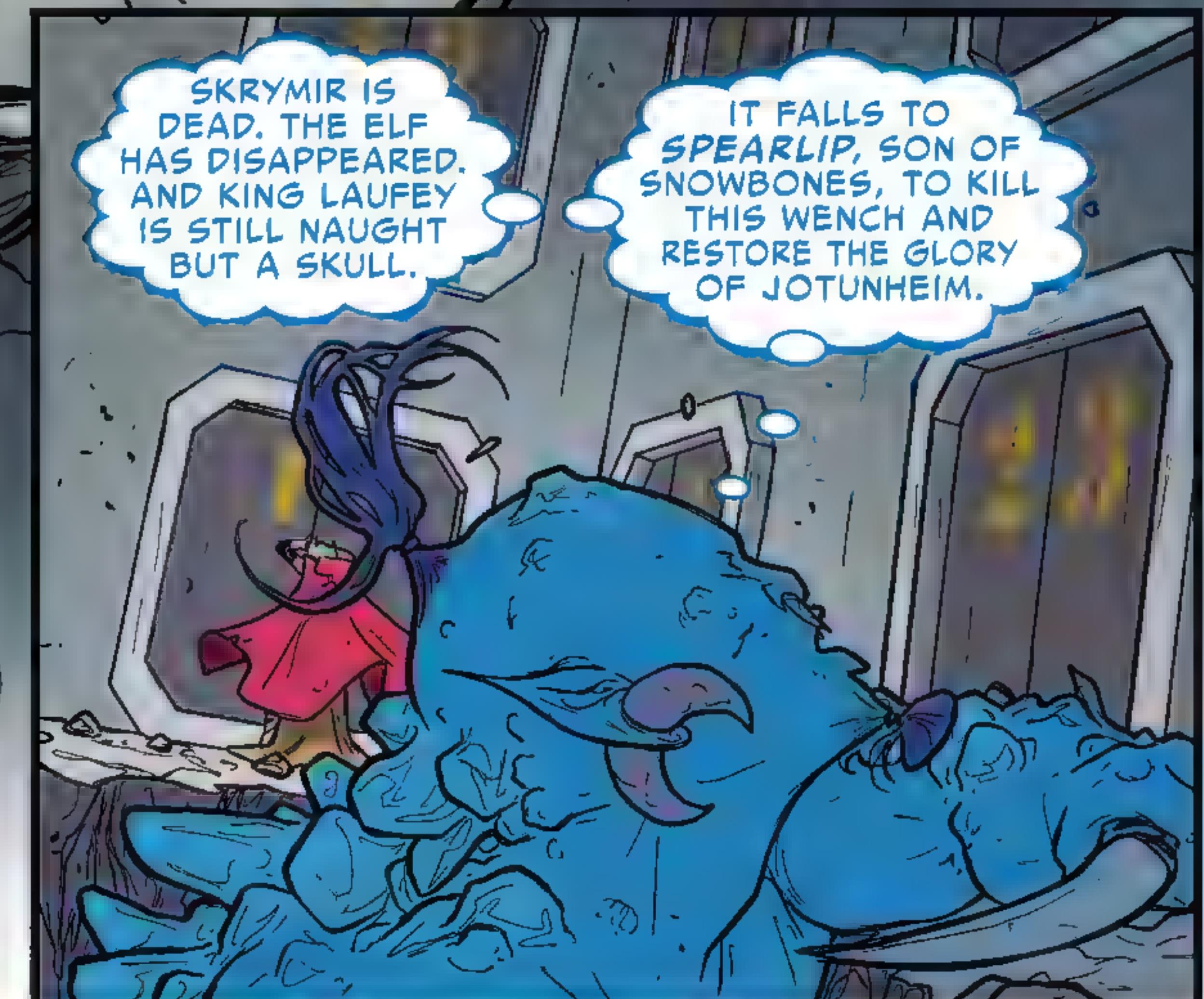
SCREAMS.  
MALEKITH MUST  
HAVE FOUND HIS  
WAY INSIDE THE  
VAULT. AGGER'S  
PROBABLY DYING  
RIGHT NOW  
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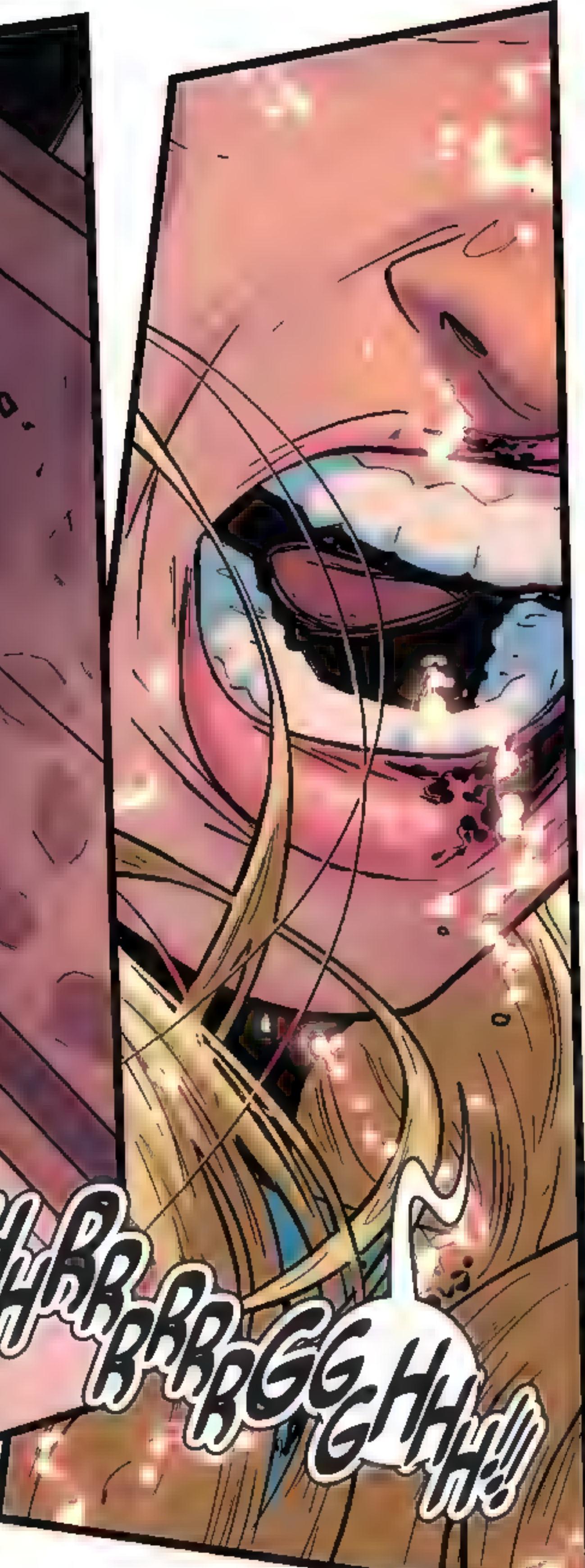
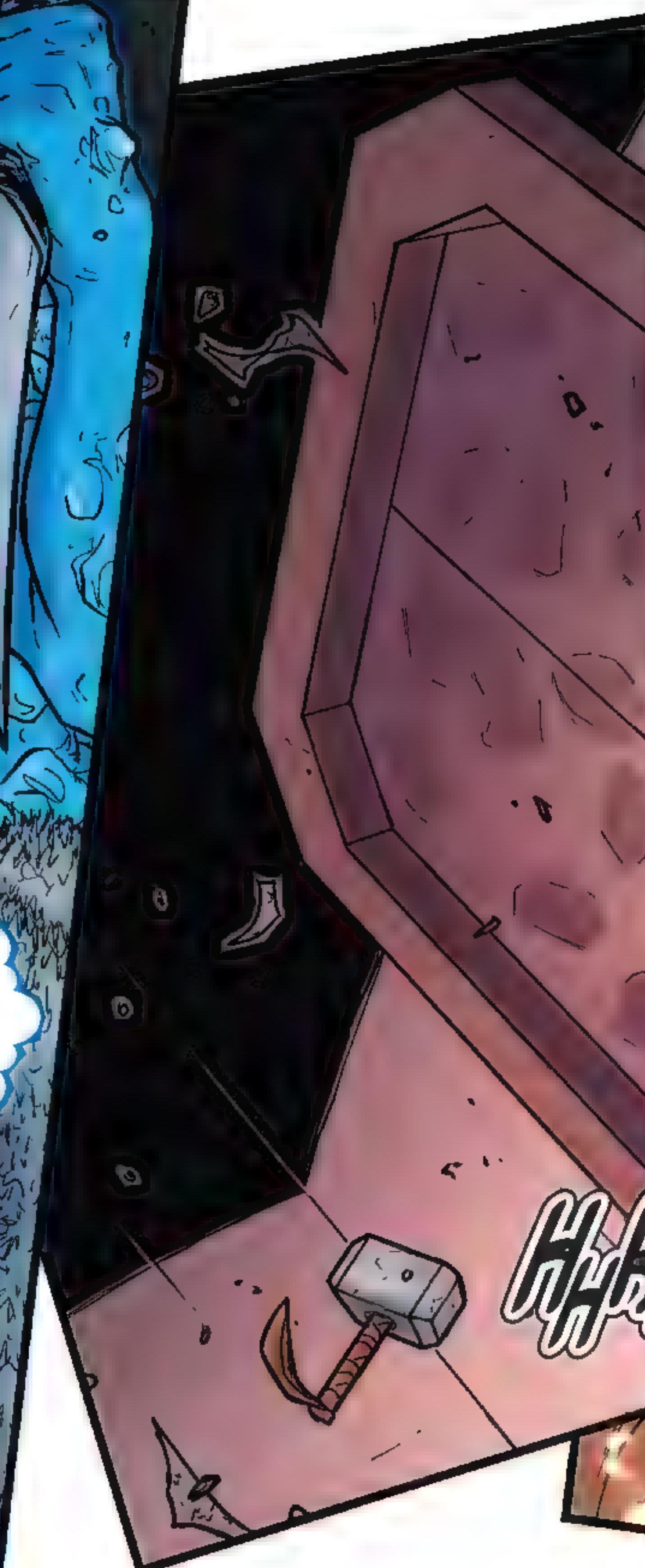
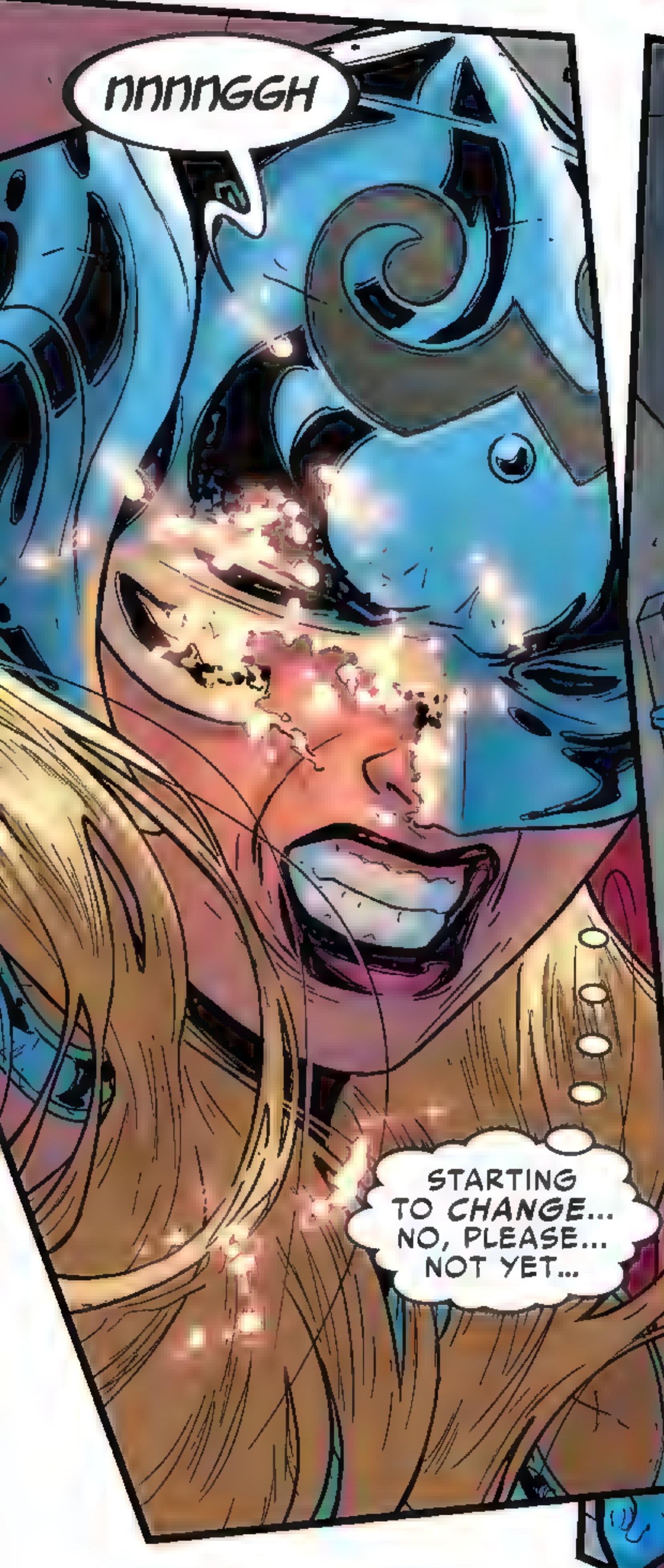
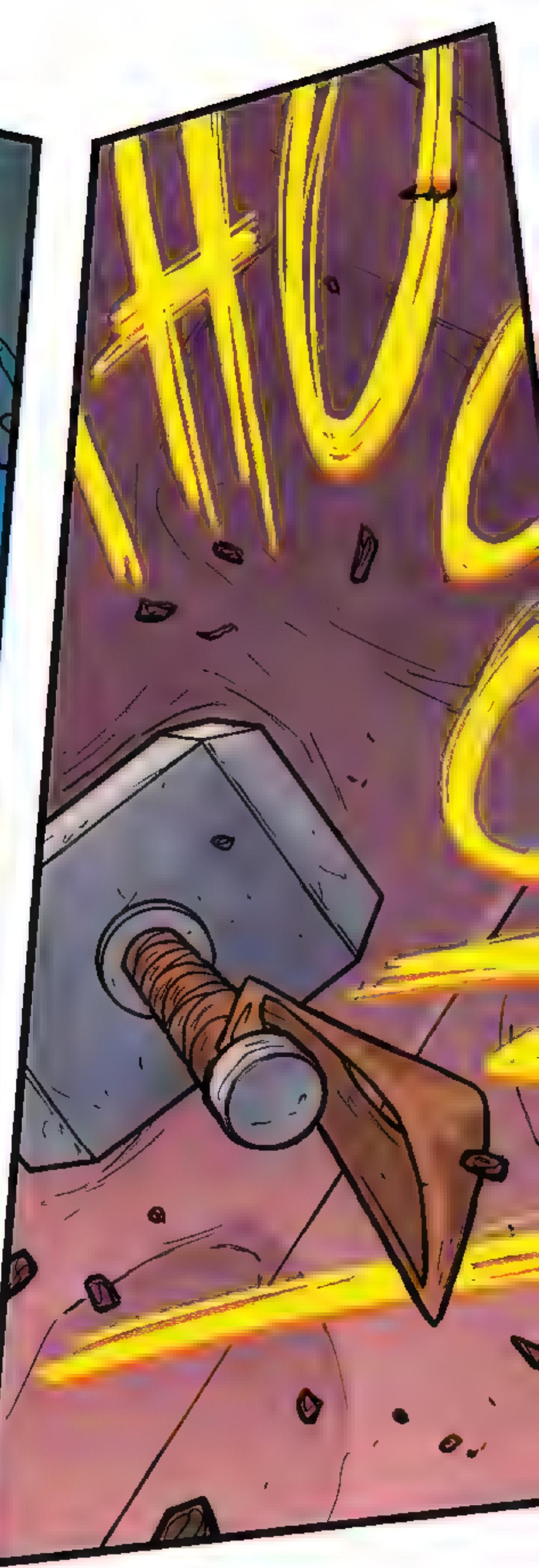
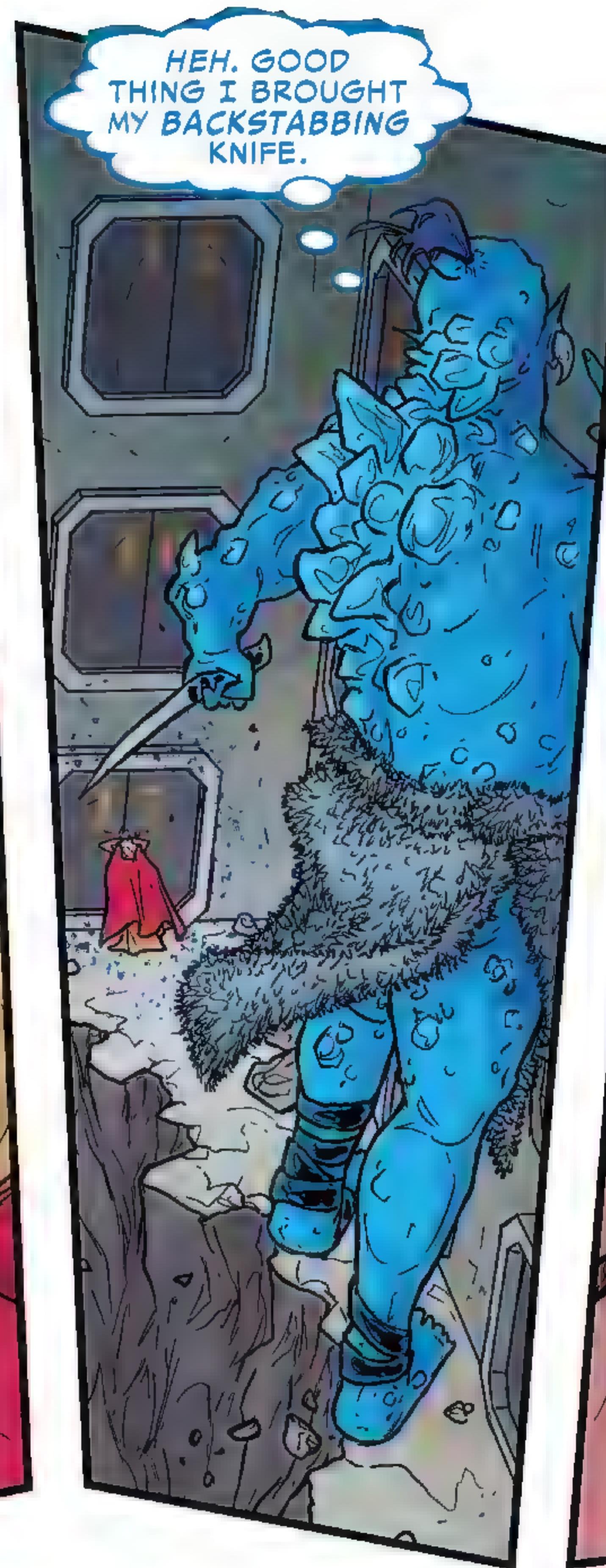
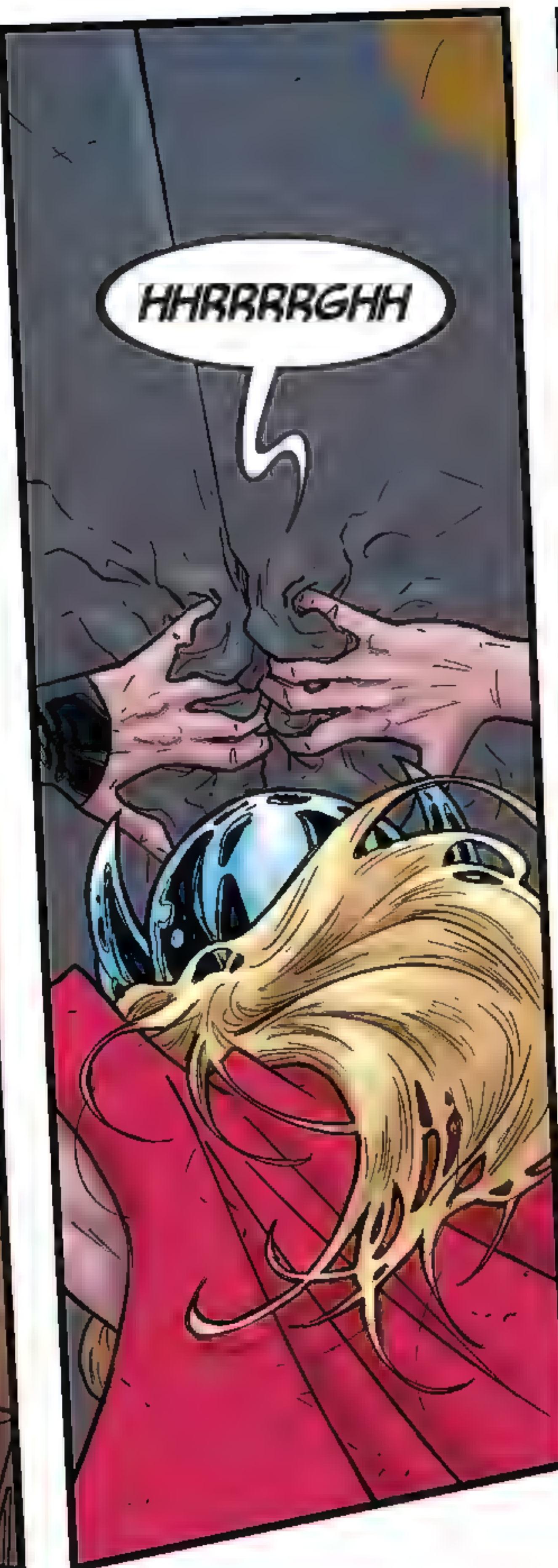
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THOUGHT, TO HELL  
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
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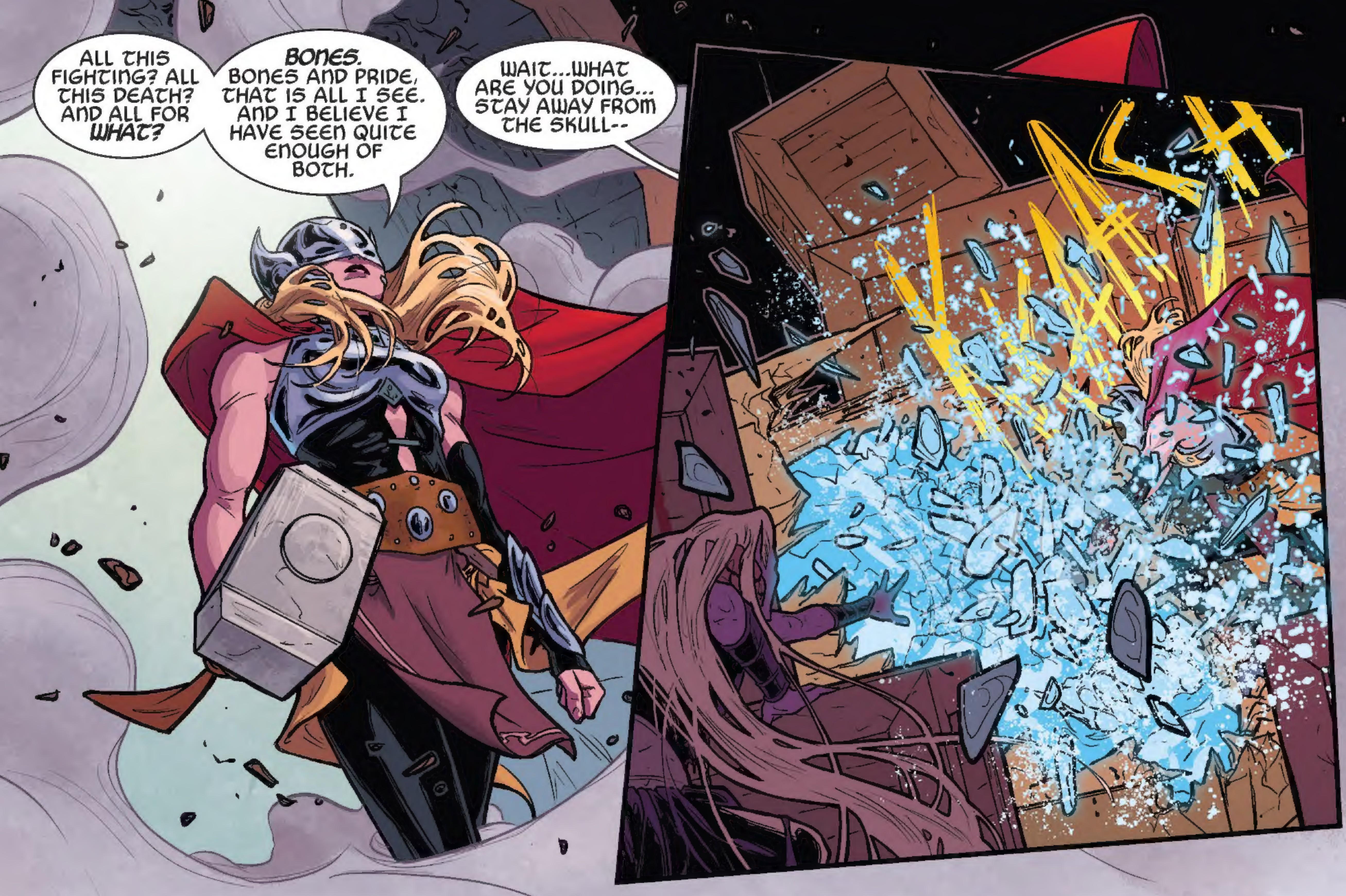












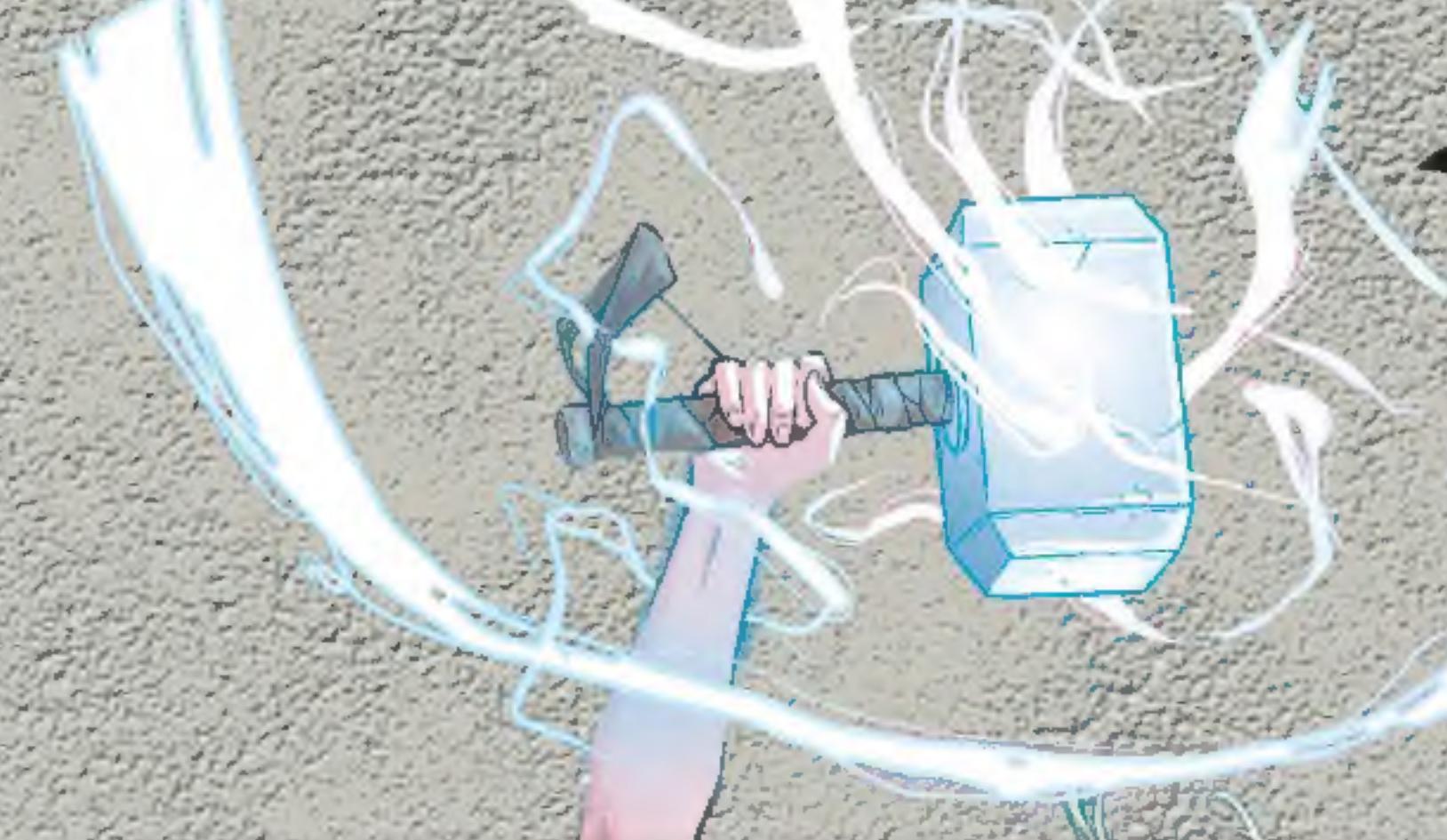


UNHAND  
my HAMMER,  
WOMAN.

OR KNOW  
THE WRATH  
OF THOR.

NEXT ISSUE:

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VERSUS  
THOR



# AND LO, THERE CAME THE... HAMMER GRAMS

SEND LETTERS TO MHEROES@MARVEL.COM,  
DON'T FORGET TO MARK OKAY TO PRINT!

WELCOME BACK, THOR FANS. HERE'S HOPING YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON HAS BEEN FREE OF FROST GIANTS AND MOTHER STORMS. AS I WRITE THIS, OUR SECOND ISSUE, WHICH FEATURES THE FIRST FULL LOOK AT OUR NEW THUNDER GODDESS, HASN'T YET HIT STANDS. BUT LUCKILY, WE GOT SUCH A GIANT-SIZED PILE OF LETTERS FOR THOR #1 THAT WE'RE STILL SORTING THROUGH THEM ALL SO LET'S GET TO IT.

MR. AARON,

I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I THINK YOU MADE AN INCREDIBLE, REVOLUTIONARY CHOICE IN CHANGING THE WIELDER OF MJÖLNIR. I AM A STAY-AT-HOME MOTHER WITH A 3.5 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. MY DAUGHTER IS SURROUNDED BY IMAGES OF WHAT WOMEN SHOULD BE. CERTAINLY, THERE ARE MANY STRONG-MINDED FEMALE ROLE MODELS FOR HER, BUT FEW ARE EQUALS TO MALE COUNTERPARTS. I'VE BEEN READING MARVEL COMICS TO MY DAUGHTER SINCE SHE WAS AN INFANT, RUNNING CONCURRENT TO THIS WORLD OF GRACEFUL, FRAGILE PRINCESS TYPES. SHE LOVES HER PRINCESSES, BUT SHE ALSO LOVES HER SUPERHEROES. IT IS NORMAL FOR HER TO WANT TO WEAR HULK HANDS WITH A GOWN. STILL, IT IS A MATTER OF EITHER/OR. NOT "THE SAME AS".

USUALLY, WE'RE ALL ABOUT ANYTHING X-MEN AND CAROL DANVERS. I PICKED UP THOR #1 ON A WHIM YESTERDAY. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS SOME DISSENT IN THE RANKS. MY OWN HUSBAND, WHO DOES NOT READ COMICS (AND FRANKLY, THINKS MY READING THEM AT 32 YEARS OF AGE IS SILLY, ANYWAY), HATED THE IDEA. TO ALL, I ASK YOU: GIVE US THIS ONE. LET THOR'S SEX AND GENDER BE OF NO CONSEQUENCE. LET HER BE AS STRONG, AS BRAVE, AS CHARISMATIC AS THE PREVIOUS THOR. LET HER BE ACCEPTED FOR WHO SHE IS... NOT DISMISSED FOR WHO SHE IS NOT.

IN ALL SINCERITY, THANK YOU.  
C. DAVIS

THANK YOU, C. DAVIS. AND TELL YOUR DAUGHTER TO KEEP WEARING THOSE HULK HANDS HOWEVER SHE LIKES.

GREETINGS MR. AARON - OR SHOULD SAY, GREAT LORD SCRIBE OF ASGARDIA!

JUST GOT DONE READING THOR #1 (YEAH, YEAH, IT CAME OUT THREE WEEKS AGO, I AM A BIT BEHIND, LOKI'S BEEN MESSING AROUND WITH MY READING ORDER). AND SIR, YOU CONTINUE TO DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB AT CONTINUING THE STORY. I AM EAGERLY AWAITING THE NEXT ISSUE. LOVED THE OPENING PAGES WITH THE ATTACK OF THE FROST GIANTS ON ROXXON - I'LL RAISE MIGHTY FLAGONS OF MEAD TO RUSSELL AND MATTHEW (CAN I CALL THEM RUSS AND MATT?) FOR THEIR GREAT ART. GOOD TO SEE ODIN BACK TO HIS STUBBORN BULL-HEADEDNESS. AND I APPRECIATE HOW FREYJA IS SHOWING CARE AND COMPASSION FOR HER SON.

I ALSO REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT FURY WHISPERED TO THOR. I ASSUME YOU WILL REVEAL THAT LATER... PLEASE? AND YES, THE FEMALE THOR DOES INDEED LOOK LIKE A BADASS; CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER IN HER FULL BATTLE GLORY AND WHAT KIND OF PERSONALITY SHE SHOWS.

CONTINUE DOING YOUR GREAT WORKS LORD SCRIBE AND... THANK YOU. I HAVEN'T ENJOYED THOR THIS MUCH SINCE THE DAYS OF WALT SIMONSON. \*RAISES A HEARTY FLAGON OF MEAD TO YOU\* THANK YOU.

SINCERELY,  
STEVE FELL,  
DALLAS, TX

YES, STEVE, AT SOME POINT I EXPECT WE WILL FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT FURY WHISPERED TO THOR. ALL I'LL SAY FOR NOW THOUGH IS THAT I KNOW WHAT WAS SAID. I'VE GOT IT WRITTEN DOWN RIGHT HERE IN MY LITTLE THOR NOTEBOOK. AND I KNOW WHY IT HAD THE EFFECT THAT IT DID ON THE ODINSON. AND WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, IT WILL ALL MAKE SENSE. ALSO, YEAH, I AGREE THAT IT'S GREAT TO

HAVE ODIN BACK. GETTING TO WRITE THE ALL-FATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALL HIS BULL-HEADED GLORY HAS ACTUALLY BEEN ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT THE NEW SERIES. AND MAN, JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT ODIN GETS UP TO A COUPLE ISSUES FROM NOW.

HEY MR. AARON AND CREATIVE TEAM,

I'M NOT A REGULAR THOR READER. SADLY, HE WAS ONE OF THE CHARACTERS THAT GOT CUT FROM MY COMIC PULLS WHEN I LOST MY POSITION AT WORK AND HAD A DRASIC REDUCTION IN INCOME. BUT I HAD SEEN THE ARTICLES ONLINE AND ON FACEBOOK AND SUCH ABOUT AN ALL-NEW, ALL-FEMALE THOR AND IT CAUGHT MY EYE.

I'M A COMPLETE SUCKER FOR NEW NUMBER ONE RELAUNCHES WITH AMAZING CREATIVE TEAMS AND BIG IDEAS. WHEN I SEE A NUMBER ONE ISSUE I BUY IT, JUST TO SEE GREAT NEW IDEAS ON THE SHELVES. AND SADLY, I'M NORMALLY LET DOWN. JUST POINTLESS GIMMICKS. BUT NOT THIS. YOUR TITLE DID NOT LET ME DOWN. FROM START TO FINISH, IT WAS AMAZING. I DIDN'T READ ORIGINAL SIN OR ANY TIE-INS, BUT I STILL FELT IN THE LOOP FROM THE INFO YOU GAVE. I HAD TO SEND SOME LOVE. KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK, THOR HAS NOW RETURNED TO MY MUST BUY LIST. THANKS FOR PUTTING OUT STUNNING WORK, NOT JUST ANOTHER RELAUNCH. AND PLEASE GIVE MAD LOVE TO DAUTERMAN AND WILSON, THE DOUBLE PAGE SPREAD OF THE FROST GIANTS WAS STUNNING.

WALLY CZYZNIAK

YEAH, WALLY, I'M WITH YOU ON THE MAD LOVE FOR RUSSELL AND MATT. THOSE GUYS ARE KILLING IT. JUST CHECK OUT THAT MAP OF JOTUNHEIM THAT OPENS THIS ISSUE. OR ANY PAGE THAT FEATURES A FROST GIANT ALL COVERED WITH ICE BARNACLES. SO, SO GOOD. THEY BOTH GET EXTRA HELPINGS OF MEAD THIS MONTH.

DEAR MARVEL/WHOEVER IS READING THIS THAT REPRESENTS OR WORKS AT MARVEL,

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU A MILLION TIMES FOR THE NEW THOR COMIC WRITTEN BY JASON AARON WITH ART BY RUSSELL DAUTERMAN AND COLORING BY MATTHEW WILSON. I KNOW YOU ARE GETTING A LOT OF HATE FOR HAVING A FEMALE THOR BUT I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO ME. I HAVE ONLY BEEN READING MARVEL COMICS FOR THE LAST YEAR OR SO, BUT I HAVE LOVED THEM. EVERYTHING MARVEL RELATED MAKES ME HAPPY WHETHER IT'S COMIC BOOKS, MERCHANDISE, OR MOVIES, YET I ALWAYS FELT A BIT OF RESENTMENT AT THE FACT THAT MARVEL'S WOMEN ARE EITHER, NOT REPRESENTED, OR ARE REPRESENTED IN AN OBJECTIFYING AND DemeANING WAY. YOU ARE FINALLY TRYING TO CHANGE THAT AND IT MAKES ME SO PROUD TO BE A FAN OF YOUR COMICS.

YOU STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IN TERMS OF REPRESENTING WOMEN IN YOUR STORIES BUT THE FACT THAT YOU ARE TRYING HAS BROUGHT TEARS OF JOY TO MY EYES (LITERALLY, I AM CRYING AS I WRITE THIS). I FINALLY FEEL LIKE I AM REPRESENTED AND JUST AS MUCH A PART OF THE MARVEL FAN BASE AS EVERYONE ELSE. THAT MEANS A LOT TO ME. I CAN FINALLY COSPLAY WITHOUT HAVING TO DO A GENDER BEND. I CAN FINALLY HAVE A CHARACTER TO LOOK UP TO THAT ACTUALLY REPRESENTS ME. I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU LOOK PAST THE HATERS AND REALIZE HOW MUCH THIS MEANS TO SO MANY PEOPLE INCLUDING ME. PLEASE KEEP THIS GOING FOR A LONG TIME AND CONTINUE TO PROGRESS AND MOVE FORWARD IN TERMS OF DIVERSIFYING MARVEL CHARACTERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME FANS MAY NOT BE READY FOR THESE CHANGES, BUT BY DIVERSIFYING YOUR CHARACTERS YOU WILL REACH NEW FANS IN A WAY YOU NEVER COULD HAVE BEFORE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

SINCERELY,  
JACKIE BALTER

THANKS, JACKIE. AND SPEAKING OF COSPLAY, HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING FROM OUR FRIEND SARAH JEAN MAEFS, WHOSE MOVING LETTER WE PRINTED BACK IN THOR #1. SARAH COSPLAYED AS THE NEW THOR AT THE RECENT NEW YORK COMIC CON, AND HERE'S SOME PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOF COURTESY OF PHOTOGRAPHER ALEX ERDE:



THUNDER ON, SARAH. THUNDER ON. ALSO, NICE TATTOO.

THAT'S ALL WE GOT TIME FOR THIS MONTH, FOLKS. BUT COME BACK NEXT ISSUE FOR A LITTLE STORY WE JUST HAD TO CALL... THOR VS. THOR.

"AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A MUFFIN. WE GOT A LOTTA BUTTER TO GO."

JASON AARON  
KC, NOVEMBER 2014



KICK SOME ASGARD!

